

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Amendments to the English-language specification and claims are made to correspond with changes made to the German-version application after publication during the Preliminary Examination phase of the corresponding PCT application.

Claims 1-12 are presently pending in the instant application. This Amendment is also made to eliminate all multiple dependencies from the claims, thereby avoiding the need to pay the multiple dependent surcharge.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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